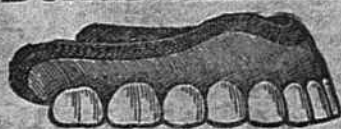


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## CASTRO WILL ACCEPT

Willing to Let The Hague Tribunal Settle Dispute Under Certain Conditions.

### WANTS HIS FLEET RESTORED.

Also Wants Blockade Withdrawn Previous to Arbitration—Germany Said to Want Certain Sum in Cash Before Negotiating for Settlement.

Caracas, Dec. 26.—President Castro has telegraphed from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit all pending differences to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, subject to certain conditions, which include cessation of the blockade and the return to Venezuela of the fleet seized by the allied powers.

President Castro's acceptance has been transmitted to the Washington government, from which the proposal emanated.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 26.—The American Red "D" line steamer Caracas has brought the remainder of her cargo here. The warships of the allied powers are using search lights to watch the coast of Venezuela. Forty vessels are now detained at La Guaira.

Must Be on Equality. Rome, Dec. 26.—The only conditions which Italy has attached to her acceptance of the Venezuelan difficulties are that all points in the dispute shall be submitted to the arbitrators, so that no question shall be left unsettled, and that Italian claims must be considered on an equality with those of the other powers.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The Local Anzeiger published yesterday the following statement, which was evidently inspired by the foreign office:

"The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim of 1,700,000 bolivars, which must be paid immediately in cash before arbitration is begun."

The paper adds that it is understood here that President Roosevelt's undertaking to arbitrate involves in indirect guarantee for the payment of the sum to be awarded.

Confidence has grown in government circles during the past 24 hours that President Roosevelt will accept the task of arbitration.

Suppose a United States View. Paris, Dec. 26.—Baron d'Estournelles de Constant has written to Foreign Minister Delcasse notifying him that the writer will interpellate the government on the reassembling of the chamber concerning the disregard of article 11 of The Hague convention, shown by the allied powers in coercing Venezuela.

In his letter Baron d'Estournelles strongly supports the contention of the United States that the Venezuelan trouble should be referred to The Hague court. After pointing out that the present is just the contingency contemplated by article 27, the writer says:

"The conflict exists between Venezuela and several of the signatories to The Hague convention, and the formal obligation that France and the 25 other powers signed is not only being ignored, but we observe a systematic interdiction of The Hague court of arbitration by the European governments. An explanation has become necessary. It cannot be objected by the allied powers that Venezuela took no part in the conference; and as she is asking for arbitration, an occasion exists for reminding the powers of the obligations they signed and ratified. Nor can the reply be made that states, unlike individuals, are free not to observe their engagements, and that moral obligations exist only for individuals or for the the we—as this point of view is precisely contrary to the principle that The Hague conference sought to secure."

Proposals Reach Washington. Washington, Dec. 26.—The proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute have reached Washington. They are in such form that the president can accept or reject the proposition outright. So far, the messages having been received while the president was absent from the White House, he has had no opportunity to consider them, and until he does so his decision cannot be known. For the same reason nothing can be gathered here as to the details of the proposals, and although great interest is felt as to the extent of the limitation, curiosity on that point must remain unsatisfied until the president has finally made up his mind what he shall do. It is known that he is disposed to act with all speed in this matter, for he realizes that the conditions on the blockade line are such that almost any moment an unpleasant incident may occur through the obstinacy of some skipper or from a genuine misunderstanding as to the terms of the blockade, that may diminish the chances of a peaceful settlement of the Venezuelan trouble.

Miss Knox Ill. Washington, Dec. 26.—Miss Rebecca Knox, daughter of the attorney general, who returned from Pittsburgh for Christmas, is quite ill at her parents' home on K street. Miss Knox, who was to have started for California on Saturday to join her aunt and uncle in a trip to Japan, has been obliged to give up the journey.

Result of Drunken Row. Youngstown, O., Dec. 26.—As a result of a drunken row in the saloon of Edward Kaden, Patrick Melvinhill, aged 35, lies at the hospital dying of a gunshot wound inflicted, it is alleged, by Kaden.

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## POOLROOM EXPLOSION VICTIMS.

Two Men Succumb to Their Injuries and Four More Are Likely to Die.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 26.—William Helwig and Joe Kenney, both of Hot Springs, victims of Wednesday's pool room explosion, died during last night. Thus far there are the only fatalities recorded, although four more of the victims are likely to die. These are C. R. Donnelly, Chicago; William Metzger, 16 years old, Hot Springs; Thomas Oiler, engineer, Arlington hotel, Hot Springs, and W. S. McInerney, Louisville, Ky.

The explosion wrought dreadful havoc to the pool room, which was located in the rear of the Turf Exchange. The house stands on Central avenue, in the heart of the city. When the explosion occurred the pool room was crowded with people, and all went down in a mass of wreckage. C. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the club, had both legs and both wrists broken. The bones were set Wednesday night and yesterday it was believed he would recover. J. C. Burch, of Chicago, sustained a broken leg and is seriously injured.

Benjamin Murray, the driver of a gasoline tank wagon, who was arrested charged with criminal negligence, made a statement yesterday morning. He says he made a connection from his wagon to the gasoline tank in the cellar under the pool room. Upon entering the cellar he found 20 or 30 gallons of gasoline overflowed in a large pool on the floor. Fearing an explosion, he rushed to an open window and closed it. He says the door was then opened by a negro porter, and the gases coming into contact with the lighted cigars in the pool rooms ignited and the explosion followed. Murray was blown against the side of the cellar, but escaped with slight injury.

All of the injured are receiving the best of treatment. The large staff of physicians of the city have volunteered their services and are looking after the wants of the unfortunate victims. Charles Walker, the partner of Mr. Chambers, stated yesterday that the wrecked portion of the building will be rebuilt at once. He, with several employees, was on the second floor when the explosion occurred, but all escaped to the street in safety.

### HANGED TO TELEGRAPH POLE.

Negro Slayer of Policeman Lynched by Angry Mob at Pittsburg, Kan.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 26.—Montgomery Godley, colored man, was taken from the jail here yesterday and lynched by a mob, because early in the morning he had shot and killed Milton Hinkle, a policeman, while the officer was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly negroes.

At the first effort to lynch the negro the rope broke. Some one in the crowd then cut Godley's throat, severing the jugular vein. After this he was hanged a second time.

The news of the shooting spread rapidly and a mob gathered in front of the jail. The doors were battered in and the mob seized Montgomery Godley, who with his brother, had been arrested soon after the shooting. They took the slayer to a telephone pole, three blocks away, and there hanged him. At first the negro was defiant, but just before he was hanged he begged hard for his life.

### Under One Governing Board.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—James F. Dolan, of Syracuse, president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has signed final papers whereby the order throughout the world is brought under one governing board. The ratification of the agreement for the amalgamation of the societies in the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland comes in the nature of a Christmas greeting from the president of the organization to his brothers in the far away countries and those at home.

Loss \$200,000. Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 26.—Fire in the business section here last night caused a loss of about \$200,000. The building occupied by W. A. Nicholas & Co., dry goods and ladies' furnishings, was destroyed and the double store of C. W. Klem, wholesale and retail dry goods, was considerably damaged by smoke and water. Chas. Abrams, assistant fire chief, fell from a ladder and was seriously injured.

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### FABULOUS WEALTH WAS BURIED

Says Self and Tent Mate Made Their Way into Richest Edifices and Pillaged Them of Valuable Stones and Huge Images of Solid Gold.

Toledo, Dec. 26.—Warren J. Baker, secretary of the Northwestern Ohio Masonic Relief association, yesterday, for the first time, made public the secret history of the looting of Catholic cathedrals during the Mexican war. He tells how it was done and of the burial of the treasure. His tongue was loosened by a newspaper dispatch from Mexico City telling of the discovery of a chest of diamonds, sapphires, rubies, pearls and golden images beneath the flagstone in the chapel of Las Vocalmas college in Mexico City. Mr. Baker's story rivals the mythical tales of Captain Kidd, and, moreover, bears the stamp of truth. He says that his father marched from Vera Cruz to Mexico City with General Scott's army during the Mexican war. He and a tent mate, after plotting for weeks, made their way into some of the richest cathedrals and pillaged them of their fabulous wealth of all sorts of valuable stones and huge golden images.

Buried the Treasure. For hours they looted, carrying their burdens of precious stones to a hiding place beneath the flagstones in a cathedral yard. Shortly afterwards Baker's companion died. Baker returned to his home in New York and went to Hillsdale, Mich. Fifteen years after plundering the cathedrals he confided his story to an intimate friend. The friend wrote to the Mexican government, asking "if there would be any chance of a 'divvy' of the spoils" if he should tell the government where he could find the sacred and valuable altar decorations that had been stolen. In a letter bearing the official seal the Hillsdale man received warning that if he knew of anyone who had a hand in the notorious pillaging or if he himself participated in it, he would do well to forget all he knew about it and "keep mum," lest his life be sacrificed in revenge for the desecration of the cathedrals. Baker took the advice, but still intended to secure the treasure he had buried.

### DR. LORENZ TALKS OF VISIT.

Says Trip to America Has Been Crowning Success of Life.

New York, Dec. 26.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, who returned to this city from Boston yesterday, while discussing his visit to this country, said in an interview last night:

"There is one thing I want to say, and that is in regard to finance. I see it reported that I have made in this country \$100,000. Now, as a matter of fact, I got one fee of \$30,000 in Chicago, and in the four months I have been here I have earned just \$30,000. My practice at home in four months is worth that."

"True, I have a number of private patients in each of the cities I visited, but, as you Americans say, in no instance have they more than paid the freight." As a matter of fact, it has been the physicians of the various cities who have profited by his visits. They are my colleagues and I am glad they did, but you see I remained only two, three, four or perhaps five days. During that time I was working in the hospitals in the cities. The private patients began to come in and they were operated upon by the local surgeons, who had witnessed by clinics. But I am glad I came. The trip has been the crowning success of my life. My trip has been successful ethically, but not materially."

Dr. Lorenz spoke gratefully of the hospitality he had received at the hands of the Americans.

Want to Purchase Island. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26.—According to advices from Honolulu the British Cable company, owning the Red line from Vancouver to Australia via Fanning island, has made an offer to James and Henry Bicknell, of Honolulu, to purchase their half interest in Fanning island. "King" Greig owns the other half interest. James Bicknell leaves for San Francisco on the Zealandia and may close a bargain with the British company after he arrives.

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A Curious Royal Custom. When any Spanish sovereign dies, the body is at once submitted to the process of fossilization, nor can it be placed in the royal pantheon until the body has been absolutely turned into stone. Curiously enough, the period required for fossilization varies considerably. Some royal bodies have become solidified in a very short period, while others have taken years before the fossilization took place. It took exactly thirteen years to convert the body of the father of Alfonso XIII. of Spain into stone.

### Riding Away With the Bride.

In many of the border counties of England the quaint old bridal customs of hundreds of years ago are still in vogue. The parents carefully abstain from appearing at the marriage ceremony, clinging to the idea that the bridegroom still rides away on a foaming steed with his bride behind him as in the good old days. The brides prefer the custom to the modern method of being given away at the altar in the orthodox fashion.

### Wrinkled Cloth Gowns.

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